

March 13, 1948.

Dr. C. M. McCloskey,
Department of Organic Chemistry,
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Iowa City,

Dear Dr. McCloskey,

I found your 1945 paper in Proc. Soc. , "Utilization of certain rare sugars by microorganisms" of considerable interest, because we are engaged here in a study of the specificity and genetics of fermentative mutations in E. coli. I wonder whether you have sufficient supplies of the following to permit you to send samples for investigation. Minimum 200 mg., we could use profitably at least a 1/2 gram of any compound. The substrates in which I would be particularly interested include: b,b (iso-) trehalose, tagatose, turanose, neolactose, and 4-b-d-glucosyl-d-mannoside. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Assistant Professor of Genetics.